

Section III. H. Master Development Plans



Goals

- **What is a Master Development Plan?**
- **What information is needed?**
- **What does the approval process entail?**
- **Where would they apply?**
- **What is the benefit of using such a tool?**



Master Development Plans

Definition

- Information common to multiple planned wells, including drilling plans, Surface Use Plans of Operations, and plans for future production

Current Usage

- Plans of Development (PODs): Wyoming

Master Development Plans

Contents

- 9-point Drilling Plan
- 12-point Surface Use Plan of Operations
- Applicable APDs



Master Development Plans

Contents (cont.)

- Other locally required documents:
 - Integrated pest management plan
 - Water management plan
- Optional: Cultural Report and Biological Survey

Master Development Plans

Approval and Review Process

- Master Development Plan and APD Approval
- Subsequent APD Submittals & Approval
 - Individual APDs - Form 3160-3 and well survey plats
 - Reference to and variations from the applicable Master Development Plan

Master Development Plans

Applicability

- Best suited for areas with:
 - In-fill development
 - Common producing zones
 - Intense activity occurring in a defined area
 - High rate of successful well completions
- Not suitable for operations associated with wildcat wells



Master Development Plans

Benefits

- Increased processing efficiency
- Quality cumulative impacts analysis
- Better planning of oil and gas field development
- Minimized environmental impacts



Summary

- Definition
- Contents
- Approval Process
- Applicability
- Benefit